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<i>Invention:</i>	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPERATING A FUEL REFORMER SO AS TO PURGE SOOT THEREFROM	}
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<i>Applicant:</i>	Rudolf M. Smaling et al.	}
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**AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2007, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.